

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (*Currently amended*) An article of footwear, comprising:

a sole portion;

a second portion above the sole portion, the second portion including a compartment therein; and

a drawer which is receivable within the compartment of the second portion and elastically attached to the article of footwear by an elastic thread connected between the drawer and the compartment.

2. (Original) The article of footwear according to claim 1, wherein the second portion is a heel portion of the article of footwear.

3. (*Canceled*)

4. (*Currently amended*) The article of footwear according to claim-[[3]]1, wherein the thread is anchored through an opening on an interior wall of the storage compartment or at a location behind the wall of the storage compartment.

5. (Original) The article of footwear according to claim 1, wherein the drawer includes a front plate with end portions that fit on an exterior wall of the second portion when the drawer is engaged with the compartment of the second portion.

6. (Original) The article of footwear according to claim 5, wherein the drawer is disengaged from the compartment of the second portion by pulling the end portions of the front plate.

7. (Original) The article of footwear according to claim 6, wherein the drawer can be swung sideways when the drawer is disengaged from the compartment of the second portion.

8. (Currently amended) An article of footwear, comprising:

a sole portion;

a heel portion above the sole portion, the heel portion including a compartment therein; and

a drawer which is receivable within the compartment of the heel portion and attached to the ~~article of footwear~~ compartment by an elastic thread.

9. (Original) The article of footwear according to claim 8, wherein the thread is anchored through an opening on an interior wall of the storage compartment or at a location behind the wall of the storage compartment.

10. *(Original)* The article of footwear according to claim 8, wherein the drawer includes a front plate with end portions that fit on an exterior wall of the second portion when the drawer is engaged with the compartment of the second portion.

11. *(Original)* The article of footwear according to claim 10, wherein the drawer is disengaged from the compartment of the second portion by pulling the end portions of the front plate.

12. *(Original)* The article of footwear according to claim 11, wherein the drawer can be swung sideways when the drawer is disengaged from the compartment of the second portion.

13. *(Original)* The article of footwear according to claim 8, wherein at least one of a width and height of the drawer decreases gradually towards an interior of the compartment of the heel portion.

14. *(Original)* The article of footwear according to claim 10, wherein the front plate is formed having a concave shape.

15. *(Currently amended)* An article of footwear, comprising:

a sole portion;

a second portion above the sole portion, the second portion including a compartment therein; and

a drawer which is receivable within the compartment of the second portion and elastically attached to the ~~article of footwear~~ compartment by an elastic thread, wherein the drawer has an interior portion that is divided into a plurality of compartments.

16. *(Original)* The article of footwear according to claim 15, wherein the second portion is a heel portion of the article of footwear.

17. *(Canceled)*

18. *(Original)* The article of footwear according to claim 17, wherein the thread is anchored through an opening on an interior wall of the storage compartment or at a location behind the wall of the storage compartment.

19. *(Original)* The article of footwear according to claim 15, wherein the drawer includes a front plate with end portions that fit on an exterior wall of the second portion when the drawer is engaged with the compartment of the second portion.

20. *(Canceled)*